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Welcome New Alumni



Commencement Marshall Dr. Jim Payton seats the graduates at the front of the auditorium.




Photos: (left) Class representative Michael John Kooy speaks on "Expansion and Contraction."
(centre) Margaret Staal is hooded by the Registrar, Marion Ryks, as President De Bolster confers degree.
(right) Guest Speaker Dr. Gordon Spykman: "Kingdoms in Conflict."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '92, which graduated on May 23, 1992, in front of an auditorium packed with family and friends. This, the seventh convocation, was the largest thus far, with 76 graduates having degrees conferred upon them. It was a beautiful ceremony featuring all the multi-coloured garb, processions, pomp and ceremony of academia. It also featured two powerful speeches that challenged the graduates and the rest of the Redeemer community to remain focused on the Kingdom of God.
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The Editor's

Greetings and Salutations.

The summer is here! Now granted, I do not get as excited about that as when I was teaching, but it is still nice to get outdoors and enjoy the warm weather. A few days ago an acquaintance expressed some surprise that I was still working during the summer: "There's no students there during the summer... What do you do all day?"

This issue of Images will highlight some of the things that the Alumni Board and I have been up to.

The big news of course is that Homecoming '92 is only three months away. Plans are starting to fall into place for this event, mostly due to the work of volunteers who are organizing the



Workbench

details of each event. On pages 6 and 7 you will find a schedule of events and registration card. Make your plans to come back to campus this September!

"There's no students there during the summer... What do you do all day?"

As the Association grows (there are now over 725 alumni), it has become apparent that we need to have a formal way of organizing and running the organization. Pages 3-5 contain the proposed constitution that the Alumni Board has put forward to the membership for ratification in September. I hope that

you will take the time to examine this document and to make suggestions where necessary. I also hope that you will seriously consider serving on the Alumni Board.

This issue also welcomes the 76 new graduates of Redeemer College into the Alumni Association. If you come back for any event at the College (other than Homecoming), try to make it back for a Commencement ceremony sometime. No other academic ceremony will remind you of the greatest asset of Redeemer -- the opportunity to integrate faith and learning. To see graduates being honoured with degrees that proclaim Christ's Lordship in all of life will encourage you to continue in that calling.

Until next time, Tim



GRADUATION '92 (continued from page 1)

Dr. Gordan Spykman, Professor Emeritus of Religion and Theology at Calvin College, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Spykman focused on meaning and purpose for the Christian as they act as transformers of our world. "Nothing matters but the kingdom of God, but because of the kingdom of God, everything matters," was the line that Dr. Spykman used to illustrate his speech entitled "Kingdoms in Conflict". The challenge to the graduates was to bring about the Kingdom of God while avoiding accommodation with the Kingdom of Man.

Michael John Kooy also spoke a few words as a representative of the graduating class. Michael John's speech compared their class'

experience to that of a roller coaster ride. When this class was in its first year or so, everything about Redeemer was expanding: programs, faculty, staff, and student body; the LIFT Campaign was successful beyond anyone's hopes, and new facilities were constantly going up. It was exciting to be part of Redeemer--a vibrant, growing community that was constantly improving itself--and their class was part of it.

Unfortunately, in its final year this class also experienced some of Redeemer's struggles, which resulted in a contraction of services. Hampered by a prolonged recession and the collapse of Brookview, this class experienced firsthand the

constraints that come with a downturn in economic fortunes.

But through the troubles and turmoil, Michael John still held out praise for the education that they received. He encouraged his fellow graduates to be the distinctively Christian leaders that Redeemer has prepared them to be. After the ceremony, the reception area in the front foyer was packed as congratulations were passed, pictures were taken and farewells were said (and occasionally cried). Redeemer has said farewell to the Class of '92; but as its members strive to follow the words of Dr. Spykman and Michael John, they will surely continue their role as servants for the Kingdom of God.

Alumni Board Proposes Constitution

As the size of the Association has grown, and the responsibilities of the alumni board has increased, it has become necessary to develop a set of principles to guide and govern the Association and Board. Although the process has been viewed with much scepticism lately on the national scene, writing a constitution is important. It is cause to examine purpose, determine goals, and to formalize procedures and conventions that will encourage the development of a more efficient and professional organization.

Willard Vanderploeg did much

of the work on the earlier drafts; in fact, he wrote the draft which served as the basis for this document. In refining his work, alumni associations from a number of other colleges were contacted. This latest draft has also benefited greatly from the input of Paul Brink, a current Redeemer student who worked on the Student Senate Constitution, and Gerald Bierling (Class of 86). The Alumni Board wishes to thank them for volunteering their time and effort in preparing this document.

The Board therefore presents this proposed Constitution to the Association with the hope that it can be ratified by the membership at its

first annual meeting during the Homecoming Weekend. If you have any comments, or suggestions about this document, please forward them, in writing, to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator, no later than July 31, 1992.

The Alumni Board is also seeking members of the Association to serve on the Board. If you know of someone who has the vision and drive to help direct this organization, please consider them for either President or Member-at-Large. And don't be afraid to nominate yourself—humility is over-rated as a virtue! Deadline for nominations is also July 31, 1992.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

REDEEMER COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION--DRAFT #5 JUNE 1992

CONSTITUTION:

Article I Name and Purpose

Section 1 The name of the body shall be the Redeemer College Alumni Association.

Section 2 The purpose of the Association is to foster mutually beneficial relationships amongst the members and with the College.

Section 3 The official address of the Association will be:
c/o Redeemer College
Ancaster, ON
L9G 3N6

Article II Membership

Section 1 The Association is comprised of all former students of Redeemer College who have completed at least 8 courses.

Section 2 Honourary Members may be elected by the Board at any of its meetings upon having received nominations from a member.

Article III Alumni Association Board

Section 1 a) The Association shall be governed by an Alumni Board of Directors.

b) The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, 8 Members-at-Large, a representative from the present student body, and the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

Section 2 a) All Members-at-Large shall be nominated and elected by the Association.

b) The President shall be nominated and elected by the Association.

c) The Vice-President is an elected Member-at-Large, chosen by the Board.

Section 3 a) The student representative shall be appointed by the Student Senate, subject to Board approval.

b) The Alumni Affairs Coordinator shall be appointed by Redeemer College.

Section 4 a) The Board may establish committees as outlined in the bylaws.

b) All members of the Association are eligible to serve on Committees at the Board's discretion.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1 a) The Association shall convene a general membership meeting on an annual basis.

b) The members of the Association must be given 45 days notice of the annual meeting in the official publication of the Association.

Section 2 The Board shall convene as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article V Official Publication

Section 1 The official publication of the Association shall be the newsletter, *Images*.

Article VI Amendments

Section 1 a) This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of ballots cast.

b) Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be presented to the Board. If the Board recommends the amendment, such a proposal shall be published in *Images* at least thirty days prior to its consideration by the membership.

Section 2 a) The bylaws of the Association may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided notice was given at the previous Board meeting.

b) Any proposed changes in the bylaws shall be published in *Images* at least 30 days prior to being changed.

BYLAWS:**Article I Membership**

Section 1 Membership in the Association shall not be contingent on the payment of dues.

Section 2 Honourary members do not have voting privileges.

Article II Board of Directors

Section 1 The Board shall consist of the following:

- a) elected officers: 1 President; 8 Members-at-Large (one of whom will be chosen by the Board to be the vice-President).
- b) appointed officers: 1 student representative; 1 Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

Section 2 a) All members of the Association are eligible to serve as Members-at-Large.
b) All members who are graduates of the College are eligible to serve as President.

Section 3 Elected members of the Board have voting privileges; appointed members do not have voting privileges.

Section 4 a) Board Members-at-Large shall normally serve a three year term.
b) Save for and except Article II, Section 5 of these Bylaws, a Board member shall hold office for three years and until a successor is duly elected.
c) Board members are eligible to serve a second, consecutive three year term.
d) After serving two consecutive terms, members are eligible to serve on the Board after a three year absence.

Section 5 Within 12 months of the coming into force of this constitution, the Board shall be reconstituted to consist of:

- 2 members serving for one year;
- 3 members serving for two years;
- 3 members serving for three years.

Section 6 a) The Student representative's term shall be one year.
b) The Alumni Affairs Coordinator's term is at the discretion of the College.

Section 7 a) The Board of Directors shall meet 4 times per year and on other occasions as required.
b) A quorum shall consist of 6 elected members of the Board.

Section 8 Absence from 3 consecutive Board meetings without good cause will result in the removal of that Board member.

Section 9 a) The Board reserves the right to expel any member of the Board if that person engages in activities that are in direct conflict with the goals of the Association.
b) Expulsion requires a four-fifths majority vote of the Board.

Section 10 In the event of a Board member resigning, being dismissed or otherwise unable to perform his/her duties, the Board shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Article III Powers and Duties of the Board

Section 1 The powers and duties of the Board are as follows:
a) Manage and direct the affairs of the Association.
b) Promote Redeemer College amongst the Alumni and in the community at large.
c) Represent Alumni on College committees and governing bodies.
d) Work on various committees to further the aims of the Association.
e) Adopt rules, bylaws, etc., as deemed necessary.

Section 2 The duties of the President are as follows:

- a) To preside at all regular Board meetings and perform duties as specified by the Alumni Board.
- b) To represent the Alumni Board and Association at all appropriate functions.
- c) To be a spokesperson for the Alumni Board.

Section 3 The duties of the Vice-President are as follows:

- a) To perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- b) To be responsible for the Alumni activities that the Board organizes.

Section 4 The Alumni Affairs Coordinator shall act as de facto secretary of the Board, and serve as a liaison between the College and the Board.

Article IV Election Policy and Procedures

Section 1 a) Nominations for the offices of President and Members-at-Large shall be forwarded to the Board.

b) The Board shall publish the nominations and ballots in *Images* at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 2 Elections for the President and Members-at-Large shall occur at the annual meeting of the Association.

Section 3 All members of the Association who are present at the annual meeting are eligible to cast one ballot for the Board positions. The following procedures shall be followed:

- a) i) When members register for the annual meeting, they shall have their ballots initialled by the Board or any person(s) the Board empowers.
ii) The Board shall maintain a supply of ballots at the registration area.
- b) Once the members have had their ballots initialled, their names shall be recorded on a "Ballots Issued Register".
- c) Only initialized ballots will be counted.

Section 4 If a member of the Association is unable to attend the annual meeting, the following procedures shall be used to cast a proxy ballot:

- a) Members shall mark and sign a proxy ballot as published in

Images, and mail it to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

b) The Alumni Affairs Coordinator shall mark the members name on a "Ballots Issued Register" and place the ballot in a secure location.

c) All proxy ballots will be stored until the annual meeting; a motion to the effect of accepting the proxy ballots must be ratified by the Association at its meeting. They will then be counted with the rest of the ballots.

d) A member may still attend a meeting once a proxy ballot has been cast, but he/she will be ineligible to cast another ballot.

e) A motion to destroy the ballots must be ratified by the Association following the election.

Section 5 A single candidate running for a particular position shall be subjected to a yes/no vote. A majority of votes is required in order to be elected.

Section 6 In all contested elections, the candidate(s) with the majority of the votes shall be declared the winner.

Section 7 The Board, or its designates, shall be in charge of monitoring the election, counting the ballots, and declaring the winner(s). The official results shall be posted in *Images*.

Section 8 The Board reserves the right to invalidate any election if it has been proven that there have been inconsistencies or fraud in the electoral process.

Can't Make it to Homecoming?

If you cannot attend Homecoming but would still like to participate, you can be involved by contributing to the Absent Alumni Message Board. Greetings, personal updates, messages and pictures of those who can't make it will be posted. Send your contribution to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.

We welcome your comments on the Constitution and Bylaws.

Nominations for Alumni Board positions:

For President of Alumni Board:

For Members-at-Large:

You must sign the nomination form for it to be valid.

Nominator's Signature:

Please return to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator by July 31.



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Saturday, Sept. 26:

9:00: Alumni Association Annual Meeting in Executive Dining Lounge

Alumni Board business (election of members, adoption of constitution.)

10:30: Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Ceremonies will take place in the Auditorium. Concludes with devotions for lunch.

11:45: Lunch

For all visitors and guests (see order form for tickets.)

1:30: Open House

Alumni, along with the rest of the community, will be given an opportunity to view displays set up by the different departments.

2:30: General Membership Meeting
Become a member of Redeemer College and attend the meeting.

4:15: Varsity / Alumni Challenge

A competition between the Alumni and current Varsity teams in men's and women's volleyball and basketball.

6:00: Punch Reception/Banquet (see order form for tickets.)

Join in for a time of fun and fellowship. A microphone will be set up during the meal to allow anyone who has a good story the opportunity to tell it.

8:30: Program

Starting with a slide show on how the college has grown, this will be the opportunity for speeches, and an Alumni talent show.

Sunday, Sept. 27:

11:00: Worship service

Under the auspices of Ancaster Fellowship CRC, a church service in the Auditorium led by Dr. John Bolt and featuring alumni.

Welcome Class of '92 to the Redeemer College Alumni Association

The Association is more than just a social club or a way to remain in touch with the College. It is also a vehicle that allows people who have shared the same educational experiences to continue to develop professionally. Keep in contact with those who studied the same discipline; it is a wonderful opportunity to keep up the education that you started at the College.

Once again, congratulations on your achievement. May God bless you in whatever He calls you to do.

Combined Honours:

Karen Bisschop	French, English
Irene Bom	English, French
Bill Fledderus	English, French
Margaret Staal	French, English

Honours:

Tracy Bokma	Psychology
Ed Bosveld	History, Poli.Sci.
Pauline Bosveld	Psychology
Jennifer Brink	Psychology
Jeff Dam	Business
Fred de Haan	Business
Michelle Herrewynen	Psych., Music
Robert Janssens	History
Michael John Kooy	English
Sonya Oegema	Business
Ben Ponsen	Business
Stephanie Proper	Psychology
Loretta Teeuwsen	Psychology
Doreen Van der Heide	Psychology
Louis Vander Wier	Business
Christine Zietsma	Psychology

4-Year Major:

Alma Bennetts	Biology
Nancy Hartholt	Psychology
Liz Koomans	Business
John Vellinga	Business

4-Year General:

Rob Boer	Music, Psychology
Marya Bootsma	Sociology
Rose Bouwers	English

Tammy Collins	Psychology
Judy DeHaan	Art
Randy Dyer	Psychology
David Gard	Poli.Sci., Sociology
Ramona Hartholt	English, Math
Joanne Haveman	Biology
Mike Hogeterp	Poli.Sci., History
Linda Huizinga	English
Jeff Kiers	Math, Theatre Arts
Christy Koning	Music
Theresa Meinen	Mathematics
David Robinson	Psychology
Oscar Van Den Assem	Rel. & Theol.
Angela Zondag	Sociology

3-Year General:

Louise Bom	Theatre Arts
Stephen De Boer	Humanities Group
Marcia De Haan	Rel. & Theology
Richard Grift	Humanities Group
Elaine Horlings	Psychology
Sandra Nixon	English
Tim Span	Humanities Group
Christine Triemstra	Business
Beverly Triemstra	French
John van den Boogaard	Math
James Vanderlinde	English
Mike Van Duyvenvoorde	Business
Elaina Vassilopoulos	Triple Minor
Keith Verburg	Physical Education
Janice Visca	Psychology
Sharon Woelfle	Psychology

Concurrent Education:

Carla Alblas
Marvin DeBoer
Elaine Haagsma
Rennie Hazenberg
Diane Heeg
Lisa Hoekstra
Pauline Poort
Theresa VanHuis
Barbara-Ann Van Pelt
Mary Ann Ypma

Consecutive Education:

B. Leticia Chan
Grace de Kleer
Doris Faust
Roger Grootenboer
Sandra Louter
Tanya Reitsma
Mark Schaafsma
Lisa Tritton
Sharon Vander Elst

The Personal Touch

Congratulations to **Christine de Jong** (*Duimering*, x84) on her graduation from the McMaster Medical School. Dr. De Jong will continue her medical career by interning in Family Medicine at McMaster/Chedoke Hospitals.

John Noordhof (88) is now living at 33 South St. E., Aylmer, ON.

Doug Hoogsteen is working with substance abusers in a Christian group home near Srague, MB. He and his wife Nan are expecting their first child in August. Their address is Box 144 Vassar, MB R0A 2J0.

Tamara Plugers (*Boer* x82) and her husband Ken were blessed with a healthy baby boy, Zachary James Michael. A brother for Nathan and Jordan (who are with Jesus), Taryn and Rebecca.

Peter (87) and **Judith Vellenga** announce the birth of their daughter, Johanna, on May 12.

Michele (*Kat* 91) and **Al** (x86,88) *Flim* are expecting their first child in October (but they did not meet at Redeemer). Michele is presently working as the Student Life Coordinator at Redeemer, while Al is in the Land Surveying program at the University of Toronto.

Trish Geerlinks (*Meinema*, x85) and her husband John celebrated the birth of their first child, Kyara Danielle, on Oct. 26, 1991. The Geerlinks live in Brampton where Trish works as a nurse.

Georgie Rodenburg (*Kempkes*, 90) married husband Murray on Dec. 21, 1991. They live on a dairy farm near Wallaceburg. Georgina continues to teach grade 5 at Sarnia Christian School.

Carine Schuurman (90, BC.Ed 91) and her husband Derek are now living in Drayton, ON. Carine is teaching Grade 5 at Calvin Christian School.

Todd (x88) and **Pauline Kaldewey** (*Lise*, 88) are both working at Immanuel Christian school in Oshawa and enjoying the company of daughter Jocelyn.

Ingrid Reinsma (*Pypker*, 88), and husband David announce the arrival of their son, Sean Kevin, on Feb. 26.

Walt (86) and **Ellen VanderWerf** (*Rhebergen*, 86) are pleased to announce that after a difficult pregnancy, the Lord has blessed them with healthy twin girls.

Joyce Hogeterp (*Van Gorp*, x86) completed her RN diploma at Mohawk in April 1991. She and her husband Henry now live in Centreville, NS. Joyce works on the surgical floor of Blanchard-Fraser Memorial Regional Hospital in Kentville, NS.

Jerry Terpstra (x86) and his wife were blessed with a baby girl, Michelle Rebecca, on Jan 28, 1992.

Pascal Centre Conference on Science and Belief

This five-day conference will feature renowned scholars from around the world and from a variety of disciplines. The conference will have a specific, but not exclusive, focus on the relationship between Christian belief

Admissions Office Seeks Assistance

As many of you are aware, public universities have had to cut first-year enrolment by as much as ten percent. But as a private college, Redeemer has the room and the flexibility to continue to offer admission to qualified applicants.

You can help Redeemer by encouraging university-bound students to consider your alma mater; you are in a great position as alumni to provide a wealth of information. If you know of any high school student who would benefit from the same high quality Christian university education that you did, call the Redeemer College Admissions office toll-free at 1-800-263-6467.

and the sciences (astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and logic) as well as philosophy and history of science and theology. There is a discount for alumni who are interested in attending this conference, which will take place **August 11-15** on the Redeemer College campus. For more information, call Lynda Cockroft at (416) 648-2131, Ext. 207.

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